

HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Lot 1 DP 175962 Roy Watts Road, Glenfield

Original two storey building, built 1926



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

Hurlstone Agricultural School had been established by the government near Ashfield in 1907 to provide a practical education for boys who intended to follow rural careers. In March 1926, it moved to Glenfield. Built at a cost of almost 40, 000 pounds in grounds covering 100 acres (40 ha), the central building was a two-storey block with the principal's residence on the upper floor and students' dining room and assembly hall on the ground floor.

Nearby were four (4) classrooms, science rooms and a manual arts building with carpentry and metal works facilities. The dormitory block, designed for 72 boys, was already overcrowded with 92 boarders when the school was officially opened.

CONDITION AND USE:

Still in good condition inside and out and used as a multi-function building within the School.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

- The building has Historical, Social and Architectural significance
- The School was the first agricultural high school established in Australia and the first in NSW to have boarding students.
- It includes elements of Art Deco Architecture
- It is a notable example of Twentieth century Architecture in Campbelltown.

HERITAGE LISTING:

LOCAL: LEP 2002